

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE:<br><br>U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,<br>AND FIRSTEL, INC. | DOCKET NO. NIA-97-24 |
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDED NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued April 25, 2000)

On April 10, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., and FirsTel, Inc., filed an amended negotiated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The original agreement was reviewed and approved by the Board in Docket No. NIA-97-24. The negotiated amendment reflects a Federal Communications Commission decision setting forth a new list of unbundled network elements.

Under the procedures in 199 IAC 38.7(4), the parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. Thus, the Board will accept written comments on or before May 10, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the amendments to the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on April 10, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and FirsTel, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-24.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before May 10, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.